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Opening Remarks

by

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Distinguished participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning and a very warm welcome to the Asia-Pacific Telecommunication and ICT Development Forum (ADF) as the Preparatory Meeting for the following Asia Pacific Ministerial Meeting.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Government of Indonesia for all their efforts to host these two important meetings, especially the Asia Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Strengthening Regional Collaboration towards Broadband Economy.

The 1st of July 2009 marked the 30th anniversary of APT. In acknowledging this auspicious occasion, I wish to convey my congratulations and best wishes to all the members of APT and especially to all of you present in this meeting.

The 30th anniversary is indeed an honorable occasion for APT. We are proud that since the inception of APT, it has been able to contribute to the development of telecommunications and ICT in the Asia-Pacific region. I believe that APT has worked hard in this respect and has contributed significantly in the regional effort to maximize the benefits of ICT for the welfare of the people in the region.

To celebrate the success and achievements throughout the 30 years of APT, we are organizing a prestigious event, the Asia Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Strengthening Regional Collaboration towards Broadband Economy. This meeting of Asia-Pacific Telecommunication and ICT Development Forum (ADF) will be dedicated to the preparation for this Ministerial Meeting. This meeting will provide us the opportunity to discuss the Ministerial Statement and Plan of Action and to refine the drafts prepared by the Expert Group before the Ministerial Meeting which begins on Thursday.

These important documents will be given to ministers for their consideration and adoption and will form the future direction for establishing a Broadband Economy in the Asia Pacific Region.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge and convey my appreciation and thanks for the considerable effort and hard work of the Expert Group, under the chairmanship of Dr. Abdullah Alkaff and now Dr. Iwan Krisnadi, who have prepared the draft Joint Ministerial Statement as well as the Plan of Action. Both documents contain useful, interesting, and innovative ideas for the broadband economy to address the socio-economic needs of the Asia Pacific countries. I would urge every participant at this meeting to do their best to make the documents comprehensive and well suited for the needs of the region and to elaborate on the specifics of the role of APT in the regional development of the broadband economy.

Before I conclude, may I once again express my appreciation to the government of Indonesia for hosting both the ADF Meeting and the Ministerial Meeting.

Finally I hope this meeting will be a success and bring fruitful outcomes in preparation for the coming Ministerial Meeting.

Thank you very much.